

DID NOT BUY WHEN LAND WAS CHEAP

Finance Committee Now Urges City to Condemn Strip That Splits William Byrd Park.

IMPROVEMENTS UNDER WAY

Administrative Board Also Asked to Stop Work Until Matter Is Concluded.

Condemnation by the city of the entire tract now dividing William Byrd Park into two sections, was recommended by the Council Committee on Finance yesterday afternoon. By resolution the committee requested the Administrative Board to defer the further grading of streets in this property until the matter of condemnation has been disposed of, for, if the city acquires it, it will be used for park purposes, and the streets now being graded would be a detriment rather than an improvement.

Members of the Finance Committee admit that they are themselves much to blame in this matter. The city could have acquired the property at a reasonable price any time within the past twenty years, and has from time to time deferred action until the price has advanced materially. Now that improvements are being made on streets cut through, the committee feels that the time has come to act, and that the city must acquire the property, even though it has to borrow money to accomplish it. The tract is just back of the reservoir, and absolutely divides the nursery section of the big park from the newer part known as the Shield Lake, which will become, when improved, much the most beautiful and attractive section of the park.

Think Board Was Precipitate. Although it is admitted that the Administrative Board is within its legal rights in awarding the contract for grading Chestnut and other streets in this tract, some members of the committee seemed to think that it had been precipitate in ordering the grading of these streets in a section where there are no houses, to aid certain citizens in a real estate speculation, when mud-brown citizens are clamoring for improvements, and when the Administrative Board itself admits that it has not sufficient street funds to pave Broad Street or to make other much needed improvements.

The section in question is an oblong tract four city blocks long and just one block wide, pushing its way through the park, but having no outlet to city streets or car lines save by the park driveways. The four acres nearest the reservoir belong to Stanhope Bolling. The remaining thirteen acres are owned by the William Byrd Realty Corporation, and purchased the Pollard tract of thirteen acres. The city having failed to take up the option or make any move toward securing the property for park purposes, they announced their intention of improving it and dividing it into city lots for building purposes, all houses to face on the park.

New Syndicate Buys Property. About a year and a half ago H. M. Smith, Jr., Gilbert K. Pollock, Field and others formed a syndicate under the name of the William Byrd Realty Corporation, and purchased the Pollard tract of thirteen acres. The city having failed to take up the option or make any move toward securing the property for park purposes, they announced their intention of improving it and dividing it into city lots for building purposes, all houses to face on the park.

Grades were adopted by the Council for the streets, Stanhope Bolling joining with his new neighbors in plans for the development of the tract. Chestnut Road was the main roadway running along the western line of the property. The company dedicated land to widen it to forty feet, dedicated twenty feet on the east, and the city dedicated twenty feet of park land to open a similar roadway along the eastern side of the tract, and the company dedicated to the city land to open three cross streets, all which was accepted by the City Council in June, 1912. In March, 1912, the Council, by joint resolution, directed the Committee on Streets to construct a sewer for the property, to cost \$2,500, connecting with the Virginia Avenue sewer below Shield Lake. Water mains have also been laid.

Offered to Advance the Money. Last summer Messrs. Smith and Pollock, representing the William Byrd Realty Corporation, appeared before the Finance Committee, offering to advance \$10,000 to grade and improve the streets in the tract, in order that the

WILL FOLLOW SELPH AND BUILD MORE SPITE FENCES, IF HE CAN

Carrier Ready to Buy Adjoining Lot in Order to Carry Fight to Bitter End.

CROWDS VIEW SPECTACLE

Joint Fence, Two Stories High, Still Stands Between Homes of Neighbors.

Feeling that Collin M. Selph has declared war to the knife, Amedeo Carrieri has determined that it shall be to the hilt. He told his story yesterday of the disagreement which led to the building of the spite fence between 3019 and 3021 Beverly Street, which, as stated in The Times-Dispatch yesterday morning, has become the show place of Richmond during the past few days. The fence, which is the joint work of the warring landowners, is of tin and wood, two stories high, and extends all the way between the two lots from Beverly Street to the alley in the rear.

Once aroused, Mr. Carrieri has said that the fence shall go on and that the joy shall be fast and furious. He closed a deal yesterday for the lot on the west side of the Selph house. It is not his intention to build a house there, but it is his intention to build a two-story fence on the line close to the Selph house, so as to complete the work of shutting out the light and air. He will then have a fence on both sides.

Hearing that Mr. Selph has contemplated selling out and building on Monument Avenue or elsewhere, Mr. Carrieri says if he can find a vacant lot adjoining the new home, he will follow the Selphs there and build more spite fences.

Story of Trouble. He feels that he has been badly treated and desires that the public shall know about it. The lot, 3019 Beverly Street, was purchased by him three years ago. Several times, he says, Mr. Selph came to him to buy it, but he refused. He then learned that the Selphs were building a house on the adjoining lot, and he finally came down to \$125 for his lot, or \$75 less than it was listed for with real estate agents. But they could not agree on a price, and Mr. Selph, he says, wanted to pay for it in small installments, to which he objected.

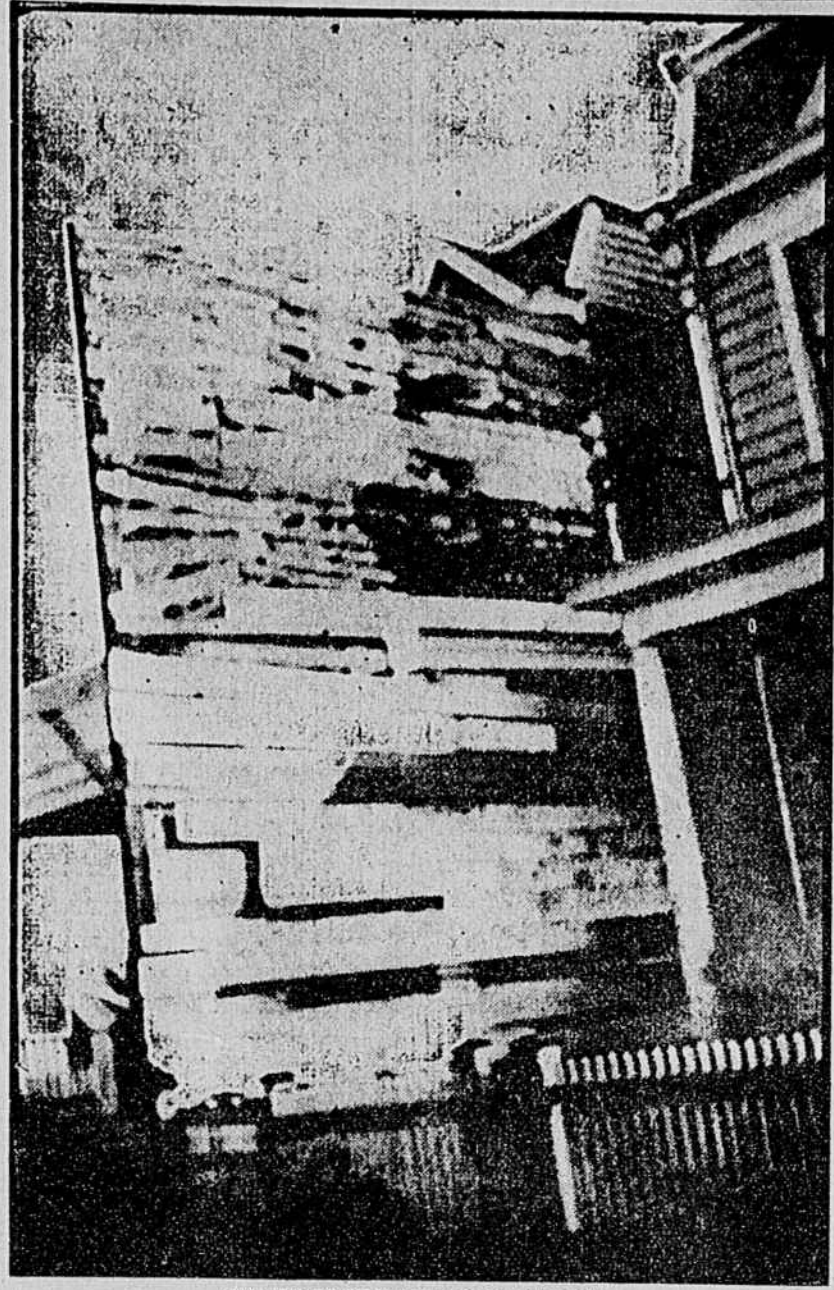
So Mr. Carrieri built. His plans called for the seven-story building on the west side of the house, next to the Selph house. But, he says, Mr. Selph

has no time to object to this, merely saying that Mr. Selph did not like to have the view cut off. Had he known the objections to the windows, says Mr. Carrieri, he would have come to terms. That Mr. Selph's foreman reported to him that Mr. Selph was preparing to build his spite fence. To avoid it, Mr. Carrieri, according to his statement, offered to "freeze" all his west side windows, and to fasten them so that they

could not be opened. Further, in case of the breakage of a pane, he would also put wire screens to prevent the protrusion of heads into the neighbor's affairs. Mrs. Selph, he says, promised to give the foreman an answer later, but the only answer was the building of the tin fence between the houses, and right against the Carrieri structure.

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says. With one single exception, he declares that the neighbors have expressed their pleasure that he has taken the action he did, and he is ready for more fun. He believes the tin fence, which is right against his house, is on his land, but the expense of going to court in ejectment proceedings, he thinks, would be great. In the meantime Mrs. Selph says she has eighteen inches on the west side of her lot between the house and the line; that she has no windows on that side to amount to anything, and that she should worry.



SELPH-CARRIERI SPITE FENCE.

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ROMANCE ENDS IN STATION CELL

Young Man and Woman, Said to Be "Soulmates," Arrested by Detective and Locked Up.

The romance of a girl who gave her name as Mrs. Vesta Gray, twenty years old, of Martin County, N. C., and James Walker, twenty-five years old, of Norfolk, who had been living at the boarding house of J. E. Fittz, 718 East Marshall Street, ended early yesterday morning, when they were arrested and landed in cells at the First Police Station. They were taken in custody by Detective Sergeant Wiltshire upon complaint of Mrs. Fittz.

It is understood that the girl has a husband in North Carolina. She disappeared some time ago, and all trace of her was lost. She was tracked to this city yesterday by a brother, who did not enlist the services of the police. He went to the home of Mrs. Fittz and confronted Walker and his sister. A stormy scene followed, and resulted in the disclosure that the two were not married. The brother is said, after he had satisfied himself that his sister was living with Walker, to have left in a fury, and nothing has since been heard of him.

The soulmates accompanied Wiltshire to police headquarters. Walker told the detective that it was the intention of his companion to get a divorce and marry him.

They will be given a hearing this morning before Police Justice Crutchfield.

FRANK STACY GOES INTO BANKRUPTCY

Former President of City Coal Company Files Voluntary Petition in Federal Court.

Frank E. Stacy, formerly president of the City Coal Company, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States District Court yesterday, declaring his liabilities at \$12,309.95 and his assets at \$35. Practically all the indebtedness of the petitioner was incurred as indorser of the notes of the City Coal Company and the L. G. Crenshaw Company, Inc., both bankrupt.

Following the failure of the City Coal Company last year, Mr. Stacy disappeared from the city, and was not located until his family and friends began to fear for his life. Since his failure he has been employed in the office of the general purchasing agent of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. He was connected with that road before entering the coal field.

Mr. Stacy's bankruptcy concerns suffer by only out-of-town concerns suffer by extent. With the exception of unsecured local claims amounting to \$293.78, all the petitioner's liabilities are accounted for by notes. The largest note-holders are: East Boston Coal Co., Kingston, Pa., \$5,312.64; Eastern Pocahontas Coal Co., Boston, Mass., \$3,800; C. D. Norton Co., Philadelphia, \$1,500; Pulaski Anthracite Coal Co., New York, \$1,257.65. Two notes of the City Coal Company, both payable to L. G. Crenshaw and F. E. Stacy, were indorsed by Mr. Stacy for \$10,000 and \$12,000, respectively.

The petition was filed by Attorney Robert H. Talley.

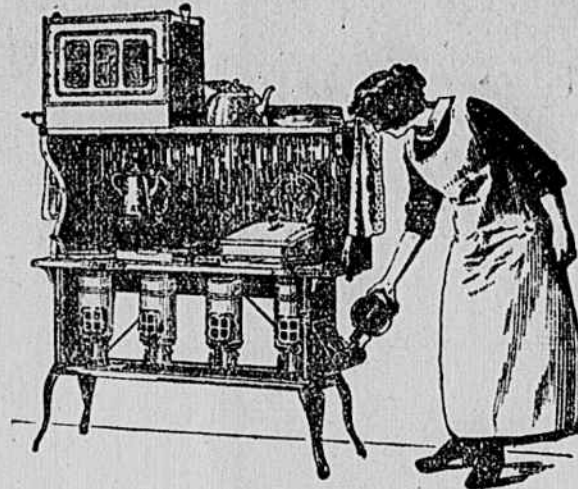
SCOTTISH RITERS TO HAVE REUNION

All Degrees Will Be Conferred for Orient of Virginia Here Next Week.

The spring reunion of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, Valley of Richmond, Orient of Virginia, will be held at the Masonic Temple next week. All degrees will be conferred at this reunion, from the fourth to the thirty-second.

Those in charge of the ceremonies, which embrace all Scottish Rite Masons in the State, are as follows: Ralph J. Levy, 32, venerable master of Libertas Lodge of Perfection, No. 5; David C. Kennedy, 32, master of Pelican Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 2; D. C. O'Flaherty, 32, commander of St. Omar Council, Knights Kadash, No. 1; Leon Walderstein, 32, Master of Kadash, Dalcho Consistory, No. 1, and Charles A. Nesbitt, 33, honorary secretary of the coordinate bodies. C. H. Rudd, chairman of the class committee, will receive invitations.

Degrees from the fourth to the fourteenth in Libertas Lodge of Perfection, No. 5, will be conferred Monday, May 5, at 6 o'clock P. M. Pelican Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 2, will confer the fifteenth to eighteenth degrees on Tuesday at 7 o'clock P. M. The nineteenth to the thirtieth will be given by St. Omar Council of Kadash, No. 1, Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock, while Dalcho Consistory, No. 1, will confer the thirty-first and thirty-second Thursday evening at 6 o'clock. The banquet will be given at 9 o'clock Thursday evening, ending the reunion.



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PROGRAM ISSUED FOR OAKWOOD DAY

Mr. Bowie to Deliver Memorial Address—Parade to Move at 4 o'clock.

Orders issued yesterday by Colonel Joseph V. Bidgood, marshal for Oakwood Memorial Day, which will be observed next Saturday, May 10, cover the formation and movement of the parade, in which all military organizations have been asked to take part.

The assembling point will be on Broad Street between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Streets, opposite St. John's Church. The line will be formed at 3:30 o'clock, and will be

Remarkable Christmas Present

Among the curious Christmas presents of this year will be one for a man of national reputation, which has been all year in the making. The history of the present was decided upon, and a friend of the prominent gentleman requested the Bureau of Press Clipping Bureau, of New York, to watch every paper in America and to take up every item which appeared concerning the man.

The clipping bureau people followed instructions, and now present the history of one year in the life of this special man. The history ends just after election, and the 20,642 newspaper items found include everything, from a three-line editorial mention to full-page illustrations. These have been mounted on 3,200 great sheets of Irish linen paper and bound into three massive volumes.

At the head of each item is the name and date of paper clipped from, and information having been put in with a book typewriter. The words thus inserted amount to 153,252.

In actual time a very strict record of which has been kept, the work has required sixty-four working days throughout the year, and has kept in employment during that time thirty people as readers, clippers, sorters, mounters and binders. Every newspaper of importance is represented. This is merely a specimen of some of the unique orders which got into the Bureau, for the extent to which clippings are used by individuals and by business concerns seems to be remarkable.

There are many people in private as well as in public life who need press clippings and don't know it. It might be well for them to look up this man Burdette, who is said to be so well known that a letter simply addressed "Burdette, New York," will reach him with no delay. (Advertisement.)

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Following is the program:
D. C. Richardson, Judge of the Hustings Court, sergeant in Parker's Battery, master of ceremonies.

Prayer by Rev. James Power Smith, D. D., captain and aid de camp to General Stonewall Jackson.
Hymn—"How Firm a Foundation."
Introduction of orator.
Address by Rev. W. Russell Bowie, rector St. Paul's Church.
Quartet from St. James's Episcopal Church.

Hymn—"For all the Saints, Who From Their Labors Rest."
Benediction by Rev. R. A. Goodwin, rector St. John's Church.

MAY RECONSIDER

Ordinance Committee to Hear Hoffheimer on Picture Theatres.

The Council Committee on Ordinances has been called to meet at the City Hall on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. M. L. Hoffheimer and other proprietors of moving picture theatres desire a hearing on the ordinance heretofore reported by the committee. The ordinance as recommended limits the location of moving picture theatres to certain sections of the city and to certain streets, and if adopted would prevent the operation by Mr. Hoffheimer of a proposed motion picture house at Twenty-fifth and Jefferson Avenue. It is understood that Mr. Hoffheimer claims that since Jefferson Avenue was made a street car thoroughfare and equipped with ornamental lights similar to those on Broad Street at great expense, it was made a business street, it was made a suitable location for such amusements, and should, therefore, be exempted from the general ordinance designed to prevent picture theatres in residential districts.

CHAMBER DENIES CAROLINA CHARGE

Not Using Money to Prevent Lower Freight Tariff for Carolina, Says Goodman.

Charges that the Richmond Chamber of Commerce is using money and attorneys to combat the proposed reduction of freight rates between North Carolina cities and the West have been given general circulation in the course of the hot North Carolina rate fight, according to the following letter received yesterday by The Times-Dispatch:

"Dear Sir,—It is freely charged in this State that the Richmond Chamber of Commerce is using large sums of money and employs attorneys to join in the fight with the railroads before the Interstate Commerce Commission for the application of the North Carolina corporation for a revision of freight rates, which would put North Carolina cities on a comparative freight basis with Virginia cities. 'What you tell me whether or not this charge is correct? If so, about how much money was expended in this way?' Very truly yours,
"CHARLES J. PARKER, Manager."

"Raleigh, N. C., May 1."
E. S. Goodman, traffic manager of the Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the subcommittee appointed to care for the interests of Richmond shippers in all rate matters, made a flat denial of the assertions.

"This chamber has not subscribed money nor employed attorneys to join with the railroads in contesting North Carolina's petition for reduced freight rates," he said. Although he declared himself unwilling to be drawn into dispute or controversy with the North Carolinians in this matter, Mr. Goodman has talked more fully of Richmond's attitude toward the projected rate-cutting than he did yesterday. Formerly he said: "It is in no sense the desire of this Chamber of Commerce to stand in the way of the freight rate revision which the North Carolina people are seeking. We only hope to protect the interests of Richmond shippers from possible unjust discrimination."

One week ago the inland trade bureau of the Chamber of Commerce appointed a committee of five to visit Washington and discuss with Lincoln Green, freight traffic manager of the Southern Railway, the features of the proposed new tariff, which is all Greek to local shippers at this time. No date for the conference has been set, but Mr. Goodman is expecting to hear from Mr. Green daily. This action—merely a precautionary measure for self-protection, it is asserted—is the only step taken by the local chamber in the rate fight.

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